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## Creepy clowns continue to appear around U.S.

*Clowns start appearing in local San Diego communities*



Photo courtesy of IT the movie

A still from the movie "IT," an adaptation of a story written by author Steven King. A remake of the movie is set to be released in 2017 and believed to be a possible motive behind the recent sightings.

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Clowns are no longer a laughing matter. The San Diego area is the most recent target in a series of mysterious clown sightings around the country. A trend that initially began in Wisconsin has made it all the way to the West Coast and hit the greater San Diego area. The first clown sighting was in Green Bay, Wisc. early this August. Videos of the clown holding black balloons and wandering the

streets went viral, causing a social media frenzy. The clown sightings have now been reported in over 40 U.S. states and several countries, including England and Australia. Although Green Bay was the site of the first clown, the sightings were brought to national attention after incidents in South Carolina, where children reported the sightings. Several aggressive actions have been made by the clowns, including carrying weapons and running at

individuals. However, most are attempting to simply scare people and capitalize on certain individual's fear of clowns. Sophomore Becca Lancaster recalled how her former fear of clowns has recently resurfaced. "I was afraid of clowns as a child," Lancaster said. "And now I just feel like my fears are being reaffirmed, even though I know it's irrational." The clown trend continued its way down south to Georgia and Alabama. See CLOWNS, Page 4

## Prop. 64 and legalizing marijuana



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In 1964, Lowell Eggeimeier walked into the San Francisco Hall of Justice, lit a marijuana cigarette, took a long draw, and blew the smoke directly into the face of an officer. This act, known today as the puff-in, was the first recorded action in the effort to legalize marijuana in California. Eggeimeier declared to the hall that he was starting a campaign to legalize marijuana and that he came to be arrested. The San Francisco Police Department indulged this request, and he was convicted of a felony for possession of marijuana. The effort to legalize See POT, Page 3



# NEWS

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## Samsung recalls all Galaxy Note 7 phones

*Tech giant forced to halt production on phone after reports of explosions*

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News Editor

A month ago, Samsung issued one of the biggest recalls of its history, asking customers who had purchased its Samsung Galaxy Note 7 to return their phones because of a battery issue. Despite Samsung's action, the problem is far from over.

The initial recall for the Samsung Galaxy Note 7, a competitor for the iPhone 7, was due to reports of the battery exploding and catching fire. The issue not only caused Samsung to issue a recall, but also resulted in action

**"Samsung announced a second recall of all versions of the phone, after over 100 reported cases of battery explosions in the U.S. alone."**

from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The battery explosion can cause severe harm to users and those nearby, and it is hard to contain the explosion and fire. FAA, who considered the phone a flight safety risk, put in specific precautions to protect its flyers from the phone.

Samsung offered brand new replacements for any customer who brought in their Samsung Galaxy

Note 7. Customers could choose between other Samsung phones or the reissued Galaxy Note 7s, which had updated batteries.

The recall seemed to work for the company, but the resolution was short lived. Earlier this month, Samsung announced a second recall of all versions of the phone, after over 100 reported cases of battery explosions in the U.S. alone. Samsung followed that announcement by halting all production of the phone. Samsung officially cancelled the sale of the phone and began officially recalling every phone from retailers.

In a later statement,

Samsung officials expressed its concern for its customers' safety.

"Taking our customer's safety as our highest priority, we have decided to halt sales and production of the Galaxy Note 7," Samsung said.

Samsung banned the sale of any Note 7, and the FAA took further action. The FAA expressed deep concern for flyer safety and announced that it would be

banning individuals from boarding any U.S. flight with the Note 7. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx discussed the ban last Friday.

"We recognize that banning these phones from airlines will inconvenience some passengers, but the safety of all those aboard an aircraft must take priority," Foxx said. "We are taking this additional step because even one fire incident in-flight poses a high risk of severe personal injury and puts many lives at risk."

Several international airlines also banned the phones from flights. The FAA also stated that individuals who knowingly try to bring the Note 7 on the flight could face a fine and the phone would be confiscated by officials. The FAA further discussed that security agents would not actively be searching for the phone, no individual should attempt to bring the phone on. If discovered during the flight, flight attendants have been given special procedures on how to deal with the phone.

Now that Samsung has issued a total recall, the company is facing a huge problem of disposing of the phones. There have reportedly been 2.5 million Note 7s sold, and it is unknown how many have been produced

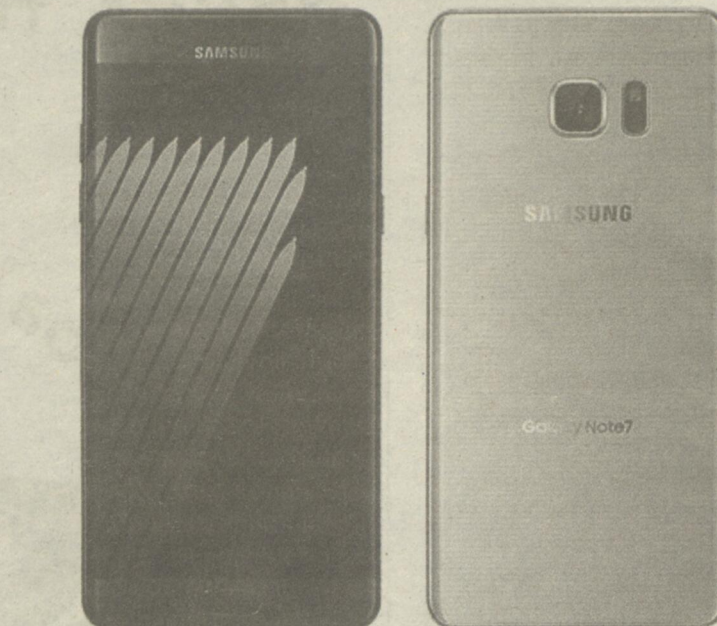


Photo courtesy of Samsung

**Samsung Galaxy Note 7s have been completely recalled after continued explosion and fires.**

and are in stores or storage.

Samsung had projected to sell 19 million Note 7s during the product's life cycles. According to Reuters, it is now looking at an estimated cost of \$17 billion for recalling the phone.

Samsung is considered to be Apple's biggest rival when it comes to phones sales, mainly due to its Samsung Galaxy S phones. The latest version, the Galaxy S8, is set to be released sometime early 2017. The phone looks to be the best phone Samsung has released to date, both performance and feature wise.

Senior Chris Haines believed that Samsung may have ruined their chance to gain market share over Apple after its mediocre release of the iPhone 7.

"I heard about the problems Samsung had and I think they had a great opportunity to gain sales over the iPhone," Haines said. "But they ruined their chance with those problems."

For now, Samsung will attempt to recall and dispose of all their Note 7s. It is unclear if Samsung's reputation will have recovered fully by the time it releases the Galaxy S8.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Location: Valley Field

At approximately 10:00 a.m., on Oct. 11, 2016 Public Safety responded to a report of a theft on campus. Upon investigation, it was reported that three beer kegs and four beer tap pumps were taken from inside a trailer that was parked in the Valley all-purpose field during the Homecoming event on Saturday Oct. 8, 2016.

Location: Missions B Parking Lot

At approximately 1:59 p.m., on Oct. 11, 2016 Public Safety responded to a request to assist with a disabled vehicle on campus. Upon contacting the driver a strong smell of marijuana was present. Upon investigation, marijuana and drug paraphernalia were found in the vehicle, and the driver was referred for disciplinary action.

Location: Camino/Founders Plaza

At approximately 12:03 a.m., on Oct. 14, 2016 Public Safety responded to a report of individuals smoking marijuana on campus. Upon investigation, two students admitted to smoking and were referred for being under the influence of marijuana.

Location: Mission Parking Structure

At approximately 9:42 a.m., on Oct. 14, 2016 Public Safety responded to a report of a suspicious individual smoking on campus. Upon investigation, the individual was contacted, identified as a non-student, and found to be in possession of a controlled substance and an illegal knife. The individual was turned over to SDPD and arrested.

Location: Missions A Residence Hall

At approximately 12:40 a.m., on Oct. 15, 2016, Public Safety responded to a report of an intoxicated individuals on campus. Upon investigation, the individuals were contacted, identified as students, and evaluated by paramedics. Both students were found to be unable to care for themselves and were voluntarily transported to Detox.

Location: Founders Residence Hall

At approximately 12:18 a.m., on Oct. 16, 2016, Public Safety responded to a report of an intoxicated individual on campus. Upon investigation, the individual was contacted, identified as a student, and evaluated by paramedics. The student was transported to the hospital for further evaluation.

Location: Copley Library

At approximately 1:20 p.m., on Oct. 17, 2016, Public Safety responded to a report of a bicycle theft on campus. Upon investigation, it was reported that a black and green Denali Bike was taken from the bike rack on the southeast corner of Copley Library. The bicycle was taken between 10:00 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., on Oct. 17, 2016.



Nora Brewington/The USD Vista



# High voter turnout could lead to pot legalization

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recreational marijuana in the state of California has come a long way since the 60s. This November it will be on the ballot in the form of California Proposition 64.

This ballot initiative comes from former San Francisco mayor and sitting California Lieutenant Governor, Gavin Newsom. Newsom is admonished by some as a radical and vaunted by others as a visionary. In fact, legalizing marijuana would not even approach the most radical victory for Newsom. As the mayor of San Francisco, Newsom used an executive order to legalize same-sex marriage. However, Newsom does not have the same executive power when it comes to legalizing marijuana. The matter will come down to a simple yes or no referendum with the citizens of California.

## Proposition overview

Prop. 64 would allow for the legal consumption, sale, and cultivation of marijuana flowers, edibles, and concentrates in the state of California.

Under this initiative, only a certain number of state-licensed vendors would be allowed to sell marijuana, and only adults over the

also regulate how marijuana products should be labeled. Products will be labeled with phrasing and notices including the words "not a food item" and "cannabis product," as well as "keep away from children." Prop. 64 would also prohibit the disguising of marijuana products to look like children's candy. This means popular edibles, such as marijuana-infused Sour Patch Kids, will not be legal to sell.

A company's ability to broadcast advertisements on certain channels and during certain times will also be prohibited by the proposition.

"Broadcast, cable, radio, print, and digital communications shall only be displayed where at least 71.6 percent of the audience is reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older, as determined by reliable, up-to-date audience composition data," Prop. 64 stated.

Prop. 64 would also prohibit the giving away of cannabis products as a part of a business promotion.

## Current California regulations

In the state of California, marijuana use is decriminalized, and violators face only a \$100 fine for possession of less than 28 grams of marijuana. The Compassionate Care Act



In the Nov. 8 vote, California voters will decide if recreation marijuana will become legal at a state level or not.

it should just be legal."

## Smoking and driving

Marijuana could be legal in the coming months, but it still won't be calling shotgun anytime soon. While it might accompany people at the park, the mall, their room or elsewhere, it won't be making any debuts in the car. Prop. 64 comes complete with a breathalyzer test for cannabis.

Driving while stoned, or under the influence of marijuana, can slow one's reaction time and impair focus, causing an increase in the likelihood of an accident. As part of Prop. 64, California police would become equipped with Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) breathalyzers, a state of the art technology set to be released within a year.

THC is the active chemical in marijuana that produces the high. THC breathalyzers will be able to detect if a driver has an unsafe level of THC in his or her system.

Prop. 64 would allow stoned drivers to be prosecuted the same as drunk drivers. It is already illegal to drive stoned, but patrol officers in California are not currently equipped to detect stoned driving.

## "The individual production of cannabis will not be prohibited."

With the help of tax revenue from the sale of marijuana, THC breathalyzer would be added to every control car. The initiative further guarantees at least \$3 million be annually allocated to the California Highway Patrol in order to detect and prevent stoned driving.

## Growing marijuana

The individual production of cannabis will not be prohibited, even if a specific city or county decides to ban cannabis businesses if Prop. 64 passes. Individuals 21 or older would be allowed to cultivate up to six plants for personal use. Local governments could ban the

individual growth of plants outside but could not ban the growth inside private property.

## Allocation of revenue

On top of the non-negotiable state tax of 15 percent, and an undetermined level of city and county tax on the sale of marijuana, cultivation will be taxed at \$9.25 per ounce for flowers and \$2.75 per ounce for leaves. Prop. 64 discusses the breakdown of this possible tax revenue:

- \$2 million per year to the University of California San Diego Center for Medical Cannabis Research to study medical marijuana.

- \$10 million per year for 11 years for public California universities to research and evaluate the implementation and impact of Prop. 64.

- \$3 million annually for five years to the Department of the California Highway Patrol for developing protocols to determine whether a vehicle driver is impaired due to marijuana consumption.

- \$10 million, increasing each year by \$10 million until settling at \$50 million in 2022, for grants to local health departments and community-based nonprofits supporting job placement, mental health treatments and

## Student reaction

USD sophomore John Preciado agreed that Prop. 64 should be passed.

"For the Californian people, voting yes on Prop. 64 is a no-brainer," Preciado said. "The economic and cultural benefits of the legalization of recreational marijuana far outweighs the downsides. With a state as large and influential as California, this election can set a precedent for other states to follow in the coming years."

USD senior Connor Stearns believed that the revenue from tax on marijuana can help community programs.

"With the dramatic increase in California's budget deficit, the legalization of marijuana would provide more revenue for underfunded social programs like state parks, infrastructure, and public education," Stearns said.

Preciado, Stearns, and Newsom seem to agree about the importance of the precedent this initiative can set.

Some USD students also oppose the measure. Senior Ian Minzer does not support legalization on the grounds that he believes it will make marijuana too easy for children to accidentally consume, and he is concerned about the health risks that go along with accidental exposure to marijuana for minors. Minzer is haunted by first-hand experiences in hospitals as a pre-med student when he witnessed the ramifications of accidental exposure.

California is facing a complicated vote in November. California voters must decide if the benefits of allowing marijuana to be fully integrated and accepted into our society outweigh the consequences of doing so. Supporters will shout tax revenue while opposers will shout gateway drug. In less than a month, we will see which side of the fence the state falls on.

*"Of course it's a joke; everyone knows it should just be legal."*

- Anonymous doctor

age of 21 would be allowed to buy it. Marijuana would face the same restrictions as tobacco in terms of where it can be consumed. All sales of marijuana would face a mandatory state tax of 15 percent, with the option for counties and municipalities to tack on their own extra taxes on top of that.

Opponents of the bill raise legitimate concerns about keeping cannabis away from children, keeping users from driving stoned, and where the revenue from taxing marijuana would go.

Prop. 64 raises many other questions. Many of them are addressed in the dense 66-page text of the initiative.

Marijuana products have a specific definition in Prop. 64.

"Marijuana that has undergone a process whereby the plant material has been transformed into a concentrate, including, but not limited to, concentrated cannabis, or an edible or topical product containing marijuana or concentrated cannabis and other ingredients," proposition 64 stated.

## Restrictions on product labeling and advertising

The proposition could

of 1996 legalized medical marijuana. This began when cancer and AIDS patients were given marijuana to ease the side effects of intensive treatments, but today, there are dozens of disorders, as common as migraines, insomnia, or anxiety, for which one can be issued a medical marijuana license, or card.

Today, there are even doctors who offer remote services, charging \$40-\$50 to evaluate the patient over Skype before issuing them a medical card. Most green doctors, as they are called, do not require any form of documentation for the malady that the patient is describing. A green doctor who wished to remain anonymous told The USD Vista he sees a lot of young smokers come into his office.

"It's not rare that I'll have groups of 18-year-old stoners in my office, who all happen to suffer from extreme anxiety of course, looking for a medical card," The doctor said.

The doctor explained that he did not turn them away, despite not meeting illness regulations.

"No," the doctor said. "Why would I? Of course it's a joke; everyone knows



# The clown epidemic: "IT" is getting out of hand

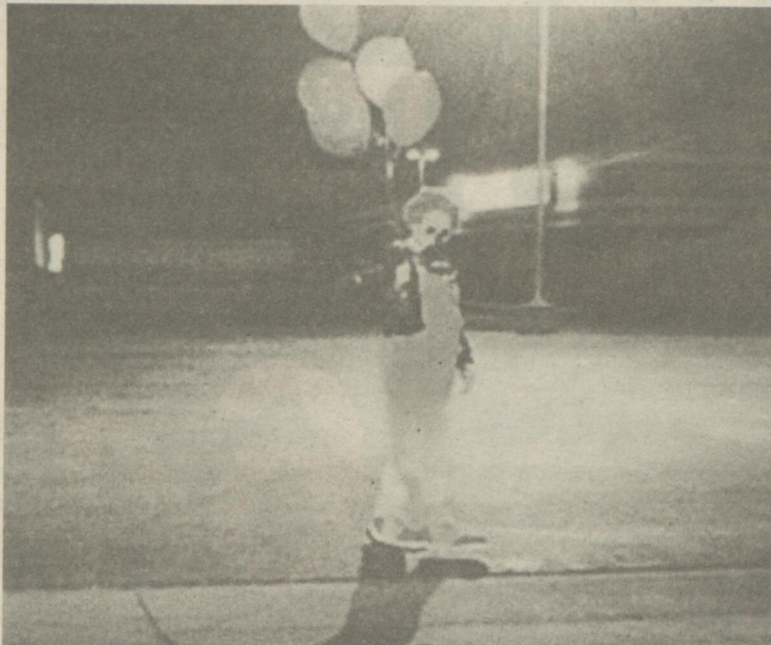


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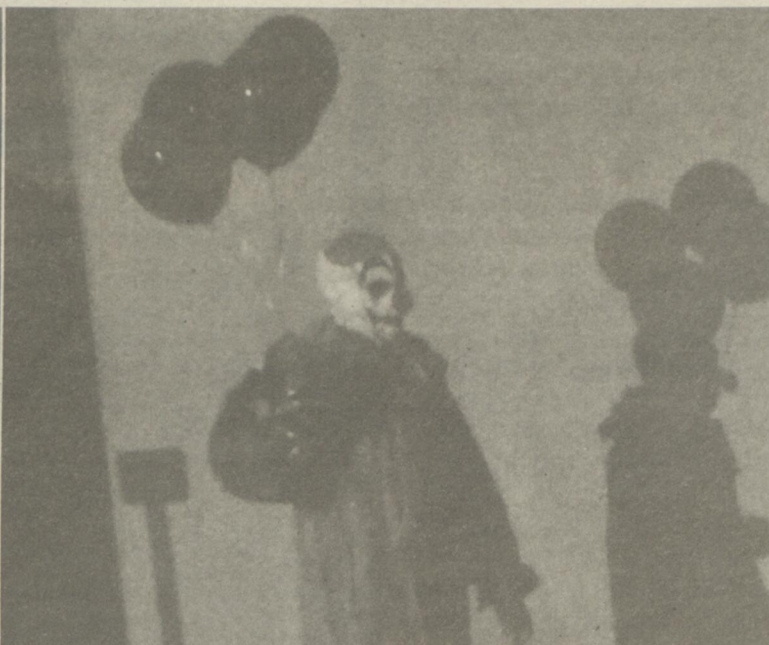


Photo courtesy of The Green Bay Clown/Facebook

LEFT: Clowns have appeared in similar dress to the clown portrayed in the movie "IT." RIGHT: The clown believed to be the first clown seen in 2016.

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Police continue to become increasingly more involved with each new sighting. In Georgia, the police received a call after two men described being chased by several men dressed as clowns. There were no suspects, and no arrests were made. Shortly after, a school in Alabama was put on lockdown after a clown posted threatening statuses on social media.

Throughout the month of September, clown sightings were recorded throughout Maryland, Pennsylvania, Florida, Idaho, Arizona, and even made their way up to Canada. These clown antics have caused several arrests, and multiple schools have been put on lockdown.

Several news outlets are speculating that these clown sightings are nothing but juvenile pranks with hopes to add to the social media craze they seem to ignite. For the most part, these clowns have imposed little acts of violence and only intend to spark fear and confusion.

Early in October, a report of three clowns on the campus of Penn State University caused thousands of students to mob the streets in an attempt to find the clowns. Several other groups and organizations have also taken to the streets after sightings to try to stop the clowns. Police continue to warn these groups about acting as vigilantes.

The most recent sighting in Santa Clarita, Calif. ultimately led to a gunfire shot.

A man was sitting, smoking outside of his house, when a 6-foot clown approached him and pulled out a knife. The homeowner fired a warning shot into the air to scare off the clown outside his house. County deputies rushed to the scene and found no signs of a clown sighting.

A recent sighting was just inland of the University of San Diego in Poway, Calif. On Oct. 6, two clowns were spotted roaming the streets, spooking those driving and walking past. One man reported to 10 News San Diego that

a clown approached and hit the roof of his car as he tried to take pictures.

After the police were notified, they found two 16-year-old boys wearing clown masks roaming the area. The two teens were sent home after they said they were only joking around and were unaware of the car incident.

Sophomore Faith Hale shared her reaction after learning about the clown craze encroaching on the San Diego area.

"I feel very scared seeing that Halloween is coming up,"

Hale said. "People might be dressing like clowns for fun, it feels kind of threatening, and I hope they stay away from the Mission Beach area and other areas we like to spend time."

Later the same week, on Oct. 13, parents of students at Bird Rock Elementary School in La Jolla informed school officials that they had seen a creepy clown lurking around the area. This cued the school's administration to notify parents and advise that their children should not walk home alone from school. Parents expressed that they

are concerned how this may affect their children's safety, especially with Halloween quickly approaching.

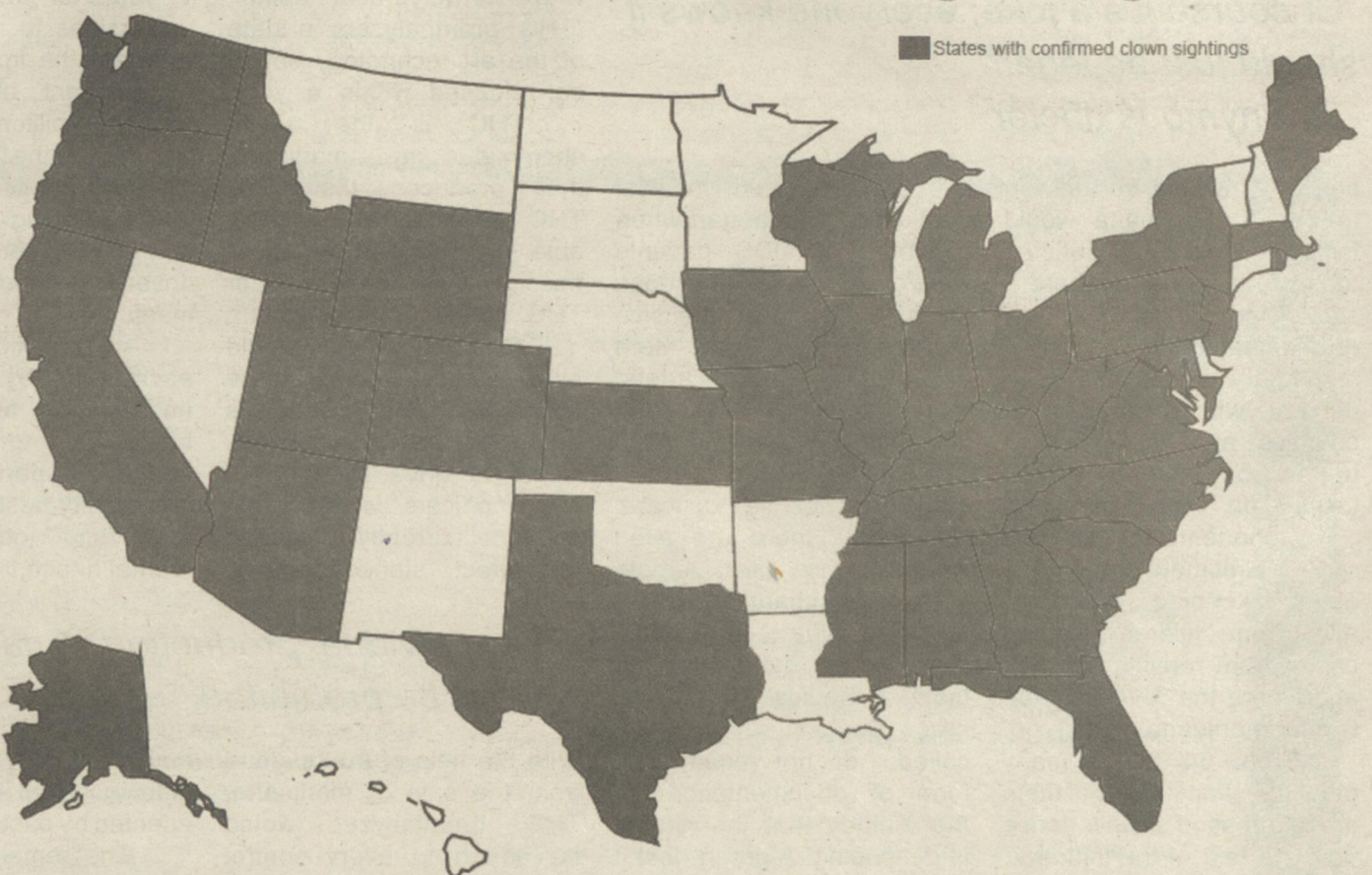
Just a few days later, a man explained that he had seen a clown wearing a plastic mask, red hair, and glowing eyes in a t-shirt and blue jeans peering into the window of his home through a screen door.

With Halloween just around the corner, schools have been advising parents that children not dress as clowns. School officials have also instructed parents to be extra cautious when out, as more and more are taking part in the clown craze. Retailers, including Target, have also pulled clown masks from their inventories.

Fast food giant McDonald's has decreased the presence of its original mascot, Ronald McDonald, in marketing and overall restaurant presence due to the recent trend.

With no actual harm imposed, most news outlets speculate that these clown sightings are only a part of a much larger social media frenzy with twisted hopes of sparking some kind of fear and reaction. No matter the cause, officials continue to advise all to remain guarded.

## Confirmed U.S. clown sightings



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# Bob Dylan, Nobel Prize winner?

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Bob Dylan was announced as the winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature on Oct. 13, 2016, at the age of 75. Dylan became the first musician in the history of the Nobel Prize to win the award, and the decision immediately sparked debate among both the literary and music communities. Dylan received the award for his contributions and efforts

it has been argued countless times that Dylan's song lyrics could stand alone as poetry, Dylan is still a musician and a songwriter, not a poet by trade. It brings into question the factors that inclined the committee to choose a songwriter for this year's prize, given that they had never done so in over 100 years of the award's existence. The criteria is not exactly concrete, and it does make you wonder what the committee saw in Dylan over other famed songwriters such as John Lennon, Eric Clapton, and Jim Morrison.

## Bob Dylan

*How many roads must a man  
walk down*

*Before you call him a man?*

*How many seas must a white  
dove sail*

*Before she sleeps in the sand?*

*Yes, and how many times must  
the cannon balls fly*

*Before they're forever banned?*

*The answer, my friend, is blowin'  
in the wind*

**Excerpt from "Blowin' in the Wind"**

in poetry and songwriting, and he joins the company of esteemed writers, like T.S. Eliot, Ernest Hemingway, Pablo Neruda, and Gabriel Garcia Marquez, as a recipient of the Nobel Prize in Literature.

The decision to name Dylan as the recipient for the 2016 award was immediately polarizing.

Many were especially shocked by the committee's choice to name a musician for the first time in the award's long history. Some accomplished writers, including Salman Rushdie and Stephen King, voiced their support for Dylan on Twitter, and they congratulated him on his award. Others, such as novelist Rabih Alameddine, did not take kindly to Dylan winning the award.

Alameddine tweeted to fans that this was not the intent of the prize.

"Bob Dylan winning a Nobel [Prize] in Literature is like Mrs. Fields being awarded 3 Michelin stars," Alameddine said.

Although not everyone reacted negatively to Dylan's winning like Alameddine, many were perplexed by the decision based on genre alone. Though

With the Nobel committee causing so much controversy by naming Dylan the winner of the award, and the art world up in arms debating the situation, it seems important to note what Dylan himself thinks about all of this.

His response might even be stranger than the award incident itself: Dylan has said nothing about it. Nothing at all. No public statement, no interview—Dylan didn't even mention the award at the concert he played on the night he was named the recipient of it. Dylan has been impossible to reach since winning the award, and he has not responded to the Nobel Academy's phone calls.

Dylan has been called impolite and arrogant by members of the Academy over his silence on the matter. The only acknowledgement of the award from Dylan was a brief mention of it on his website, which has since been removed. His Nobel win does not even currently appear under the news section of his website.

His refusal to acknowledge the award is quite peculiar: in the past, a few have rejected the prize

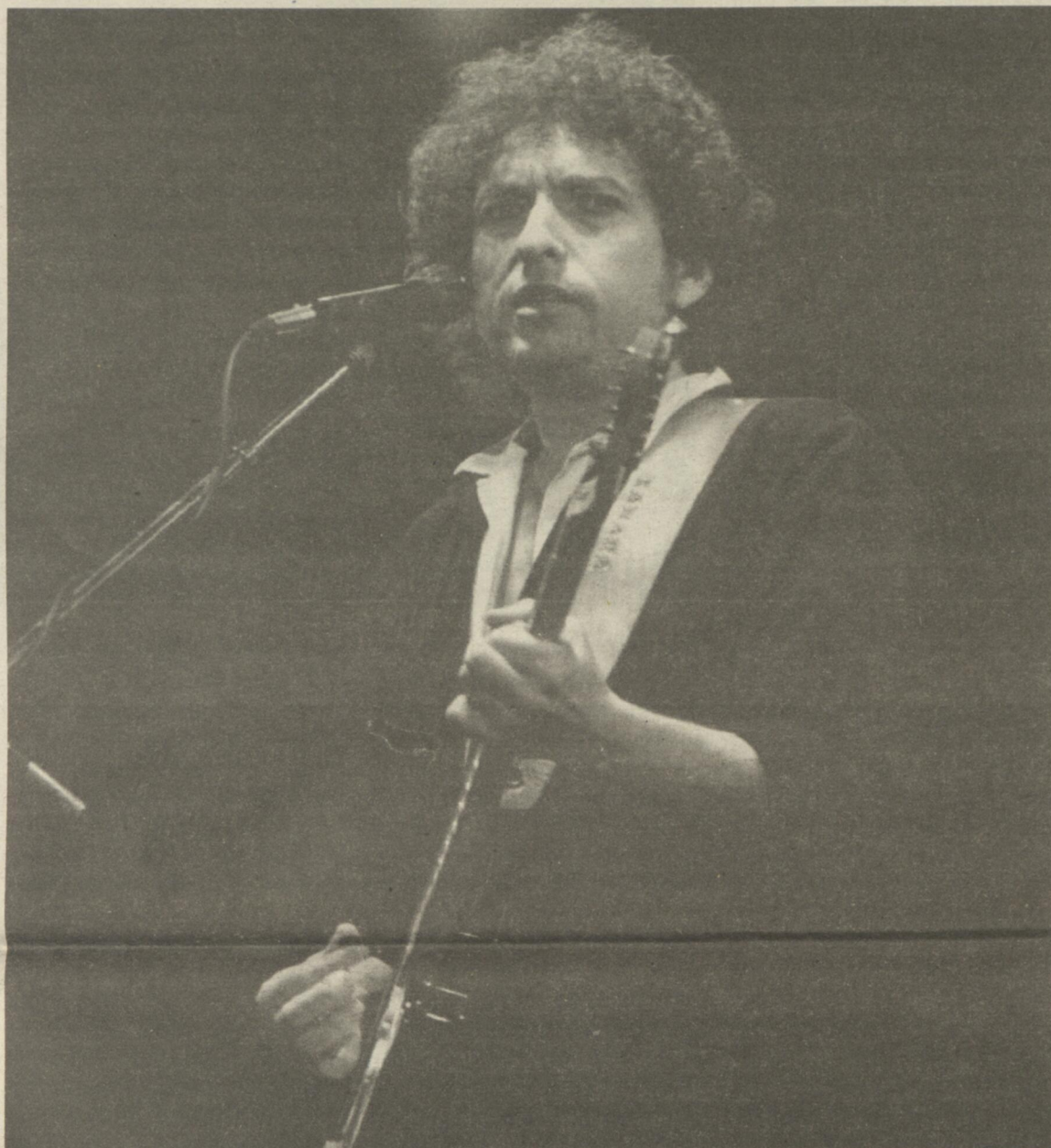


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Bob Dylan, playing a show with his electric guitar, something novel he brought to the folk world.

outright including writer Jean-Paul Sartre and Le Duc Tho who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize with Henry Kissinger, but none have simply avoided it in the same way that Dylan has. The Nobel Academy is unsure if he will accept the award at all. There is currently a banquet planned for recipients of the Nobel Prize,

yet the Academy has no idea if Dylan will attend. The way things are currently going, his attendance appears doubtful.

Dylan has always been viewed by many as eccentric, and part of him was always a little anti-establishment and suspicious. His unique personality, as well as his voice and lyrics, helped him become one of the most

treasured songwriters in American history. In a way, it makes sense that Dylan would be the first musician to win the Nobel Prize in Literature and also to be the first to avoid accepting it as well. In 1991, Kurt Vonnegut was quoted as saying that Dylan was the worst poet alive. It would be interesting to hear what he'd say about all of this today.

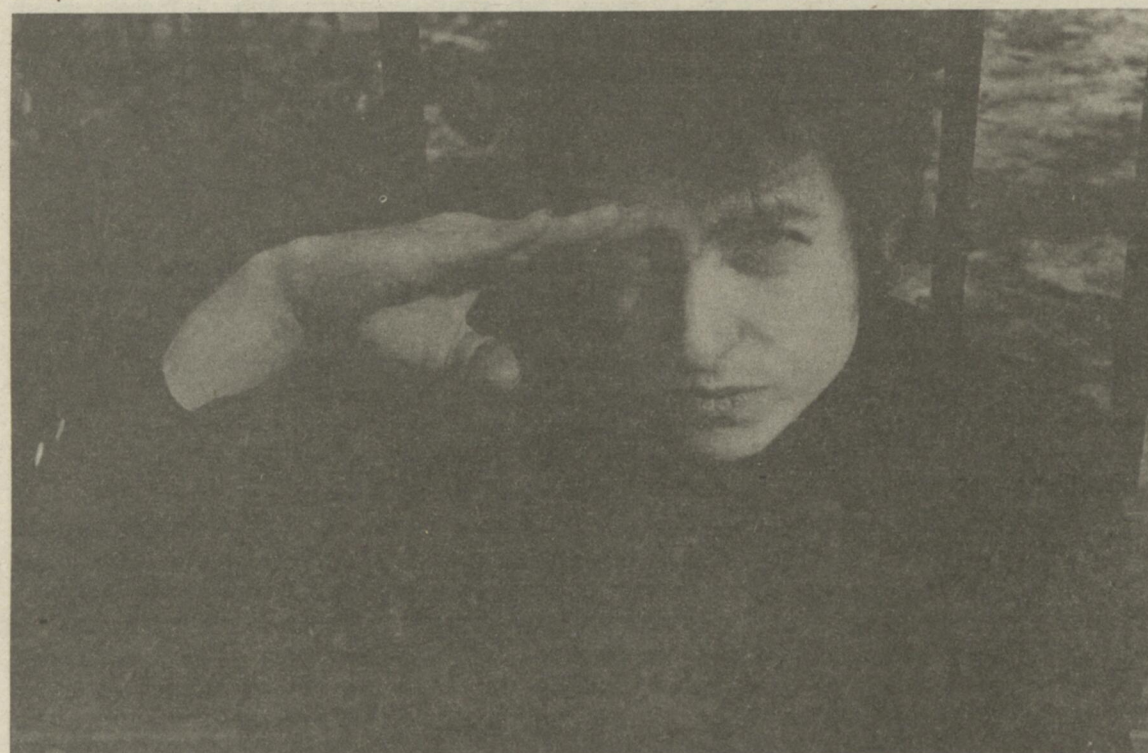


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A young Bob Dylan strikes a pose in New York, 1965.



# Negotiating across cultures in Morocco

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Everywhere we turned, people were singing excitedly with drum sets, dancing in traditional clothing, showing magic tricks to bystanders, gymnastics on top of each others' shoulder, or attempting to sell tourists items from their small shops. It was night time, but the exhilarating rush of the Monday night bazaar kept everyone at the Marrakech market wide awake through the late hours.

I had the ultimate aerial view of the bustling marketplace from the third floor of the well-known Café Argana. Bright lights illuminated numerous rows of tent-like booths that contained everything from different kinds of food, such as fruits, nuts, and meats, to a selection of varying CDs to healing herbs and crystal rocks, to hand-woven, detailed rugs. San Diego farmers' markets, whether in Hillcrest, Little Italy, or Ocean Beach, do not compare to the nighttime buzz and fast-paced atmosphere of a typical night in the main markets of Marrakech, Morocco.

Senior Claire Tolan witnessed the vibrant market nightlife of Morocco in several cities, including Marrakech.

"I was surprised that the market was so busy, especially for a Monday night," Tolan said. "You could tell that [the market] was the heart of the city of Marrakech, and you could feel the passion and pride that these locals have for their home."

After dinner, Tolan and I walked around the bazaar to get a feel for the hype and excitement of the most unfamiliar market situation we had ever experienced. As we passed through the little shops, Moroccan men would eagerly try to sell their products. Vendors sold items



Taylor RV/The USD Vista

Two Moroccan women roam the cultural haven that is Marrakech.

ranging from knockoff Yeezy brand shoes to beautifully colored pashmina scarves to antique candle holders to traditional Moroccan attire. Moroccan market vendors had a vastly different marketing approach than we were used to. If they caught us staring at an item, the vendors would ask us if we liked whatever product they found us staring at, hoping to sell to it us. Even if we were not relatively close to their store, the men still managed to walk up to us and shout out prices in Dirham, the Moroccan currency.

A majority of the shop owners had aggressive approaches to get people to buy something and were extremely willing to negotiate prices, so long as they were left with money in hand. Bartering is a vital aspect of these markets, and as travelers we learned that quickly. The foreign phrases we heard on the first day turned into the casual lingo we used the

following times we walked into Moroccan marketplaces. When we hesitated at their initial price, they asked us how much we were willing to pay. They attempted to make us feel like valued customers by telling us they would give us a good, special price. They followed us as we turned away, hoping to convince us one last time to buy something.

Tolan said she was surprised by the business owners' selling methods.

"I expected the bartering and small stores, but I was not expecting the shop owners to be so aggressive," Tolan said. "Shop owners would come up to you, touch your arm, and escort you into their shop. They were willing to make any sale, as long as they received some sort of cash. It was irritating when some people would not take no for an answer and would follow you until they lowered to a price you were willing to pay."

Despite the stressful

bartering situations, Tolan shared that she appreciated the interactions she had with several locals.

"The language barrier and the contradicting bartering prices made it hard to know what the actual value of the product was," Tolan said. "But I loved getting to know some of the shop owners in the stores and learning about their life. We were able to connect on another level with some, and it was cool to see the commonalities of others that are half a world away from us. It was such a different and intriguing shopping experience than what I am used to."

Shopping at these traditional markets throughout the entire week was an essential part of the Moroccan experience. It was unlike the shopping I experienced in Italy or Spain—places that seemed to have H&M and Zara shops on every corner—and felt like shopping at the malls back home.

I was astonished by the large amount of fake designer brand products being sold at everywhere in Morocco. Fake Prada, Michael Kors, Céline, and Louis Vuitton purses lined the shelves. Because trading and bargaining were such a prominent part of the market environment, I found myself bartering with many of the locals. I walked away with a fake Louis Vuitton backpack after bartering it from 600 to 200 Dirham, which is around \$20. Although the process of lowering the price of the backpack was overwhelming, I was proud to have made use of my new bartering skills. At the same time, a part of me felt guilty for taking advantage of such cheap prices.

Junior Alex Worden was one of many travelers who engaged in negotiating

prices at these markets. Worden discussed the Moroccan market experience in his international marketing class on Semester at Sea.

"The dilemma that we find in our Western culture is that there is a social and economical protocol for set prices; it is the way our economy works," Worden said. "When we go into the Moroccan markets, we want to see a price tag, but the owners either ask us what we want to pay, or we ask them the value of the product. We talked in my marketing class about how we assume that these shop owners set an initial value in order for them to make a profit as a business [and], in turn, maintaining their livelihood. When we undercut their prices, we feel merciless or immoral, practically robbing them of money."

In this particular society, many of these businesses are designed with bartering in mind. Worden explained why he said that visiting tourists should not feel completely guilty about bargaining prices.

"They hike up the starting prices, assuming we will barter with them," Worden said. "This is how the process runs: they set a price and assume customers will undercut them, then, once they find an agreed upon price, the shop owner is right where they need to be to turn a profit. We may think we're getting 60 percent off of a Moroccan rug, but we have no way of knowing the true value. It's just business."

Our time in Morocco introduced us to a different way of shopping that entailed many assertive negotiations. Engaging in conversation with the local Moroccan people and gaining an understanding of their daily lives gave me a fuller image of Moroccan culture.



Photo courtesy of Cammi Aimonetti

A vibrant Moroccan shop bustles with customers in the afternoon.



# "The Girl on the Train" is not unenjoyable

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An alcoholic divorcee uses public transportation to commute to her non-existent job in the city. Everyday she hops on a train, hoping to discretely stalk her old house where her ex-husband and his new wife live. As she peers through the window, she is also watching her ex-husband's neighbors, a young couple, and what she believes to be the epitome of a perfect marriage.

"The Girl on the Train" is the critically-acclaimed suspense film of the season. The film showcases the acting prowess of Emily Blunt, Allison Janney, Justin Theroux, Luke Evans, and up-and-coming Haley Bennett.

Bennett plays the character Megan, whose disappearance sets the plot in motion.

Blunt's character Rachel, the protagonist of the film, is suspect number one. Waking up as a murder suspect after a blacked out night of drinking, Rachel cannot remember if she killed Megan or not.

It was this question that wound itself masterfully throughout the entire film. Director Tate Taylor kept the audience on its toes: not once did the audience seem to know who was the actual killer. Every time evidence presented a more probable suspect, the script provided a new revelation that messed with the audience's intuition and caused everyone to question a new character.

Based on Paula Hawkins' novel, the movie takes an old-time theme of cheating and deception and tries to reinvigorate it. Set during a gloomy fall on the East Coast, the film provides viewers with

a deceptive plot. While this film was captivating, the main downside is that the storyline is set in motion because of a cheating husband, and by the time the credits roll, you realize that this was the same thing that created the plot of "Gone Girl". Both "Gone Girl" and "The Girl on the Train" started with a cheating husband.

Even though Taylor had the audience guessing the killer until the end of the film, the big reveal seemed cliché. It was as if "The Other Woman," the 2014 romantic comedy starring Cameron Diaz, met "Gone Girl," the 2014 thriller starring Rosamund Pike, and this film was their baby.

Bennett played Megan well, and excellently acted the part of the disillusioned housewife who is defined by her impulse to run. That being said, the script couldn't seem to decide if Megan was a manipulator or if she was a victim who had just fallen into bad habits.

Where Bennett's character faltered, Blunt's character prospered. Rachel, played by Blunt, turned into a character that you could root for, despite being a hot mess for the first half of the movie. Even though she was an alcoholic, Rachel's determination to uncover the truth and struggle to move on from her ex-husband made her the perfect underdog. Blunt did such a phenomenal job of portraying a woman close to the end of her rope that you could almost smell the alcohol seeping through her clothing.

Up until the last minute, the film was captivating, but after the credits roll you might ponder whether the film has actually made any pioneering steps in the thriller and suspense genre. It seemed that when the film finished it wasn't revolutionary.

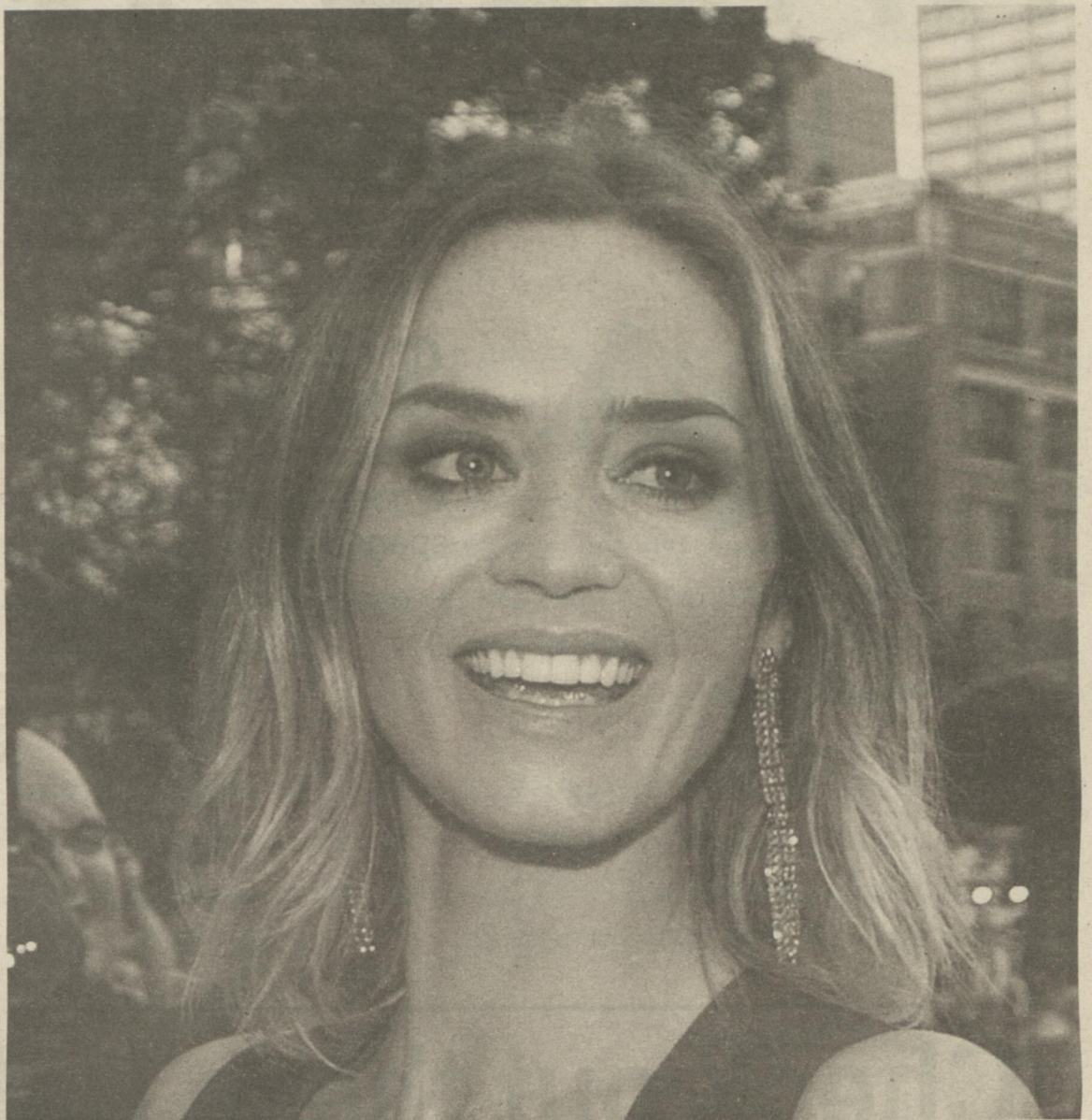


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Emily Blunt, who plays Rachel in the film, at the Toronto International Film Festival.

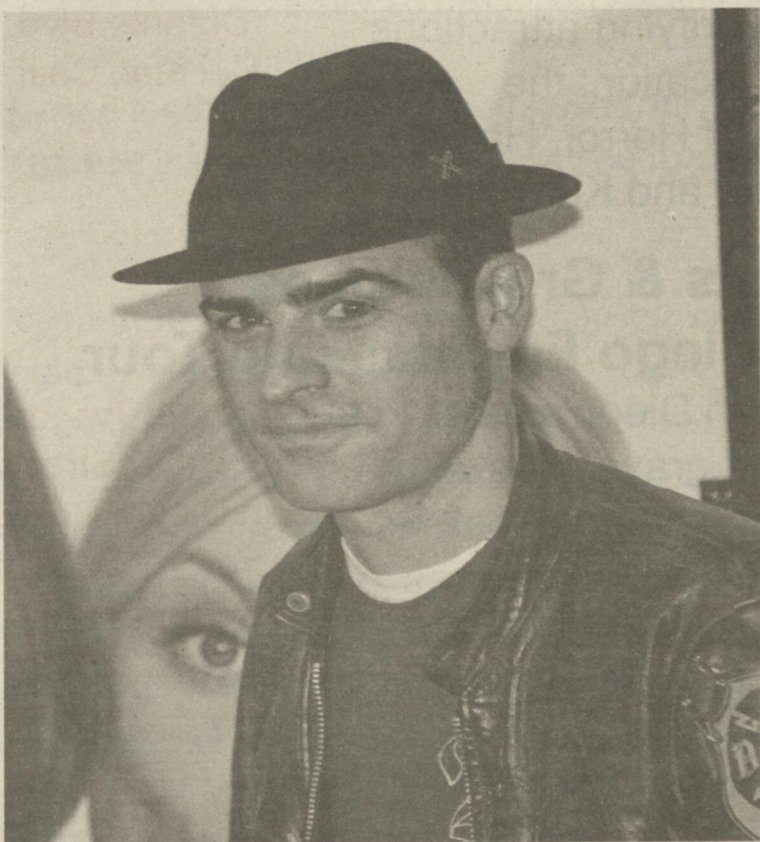
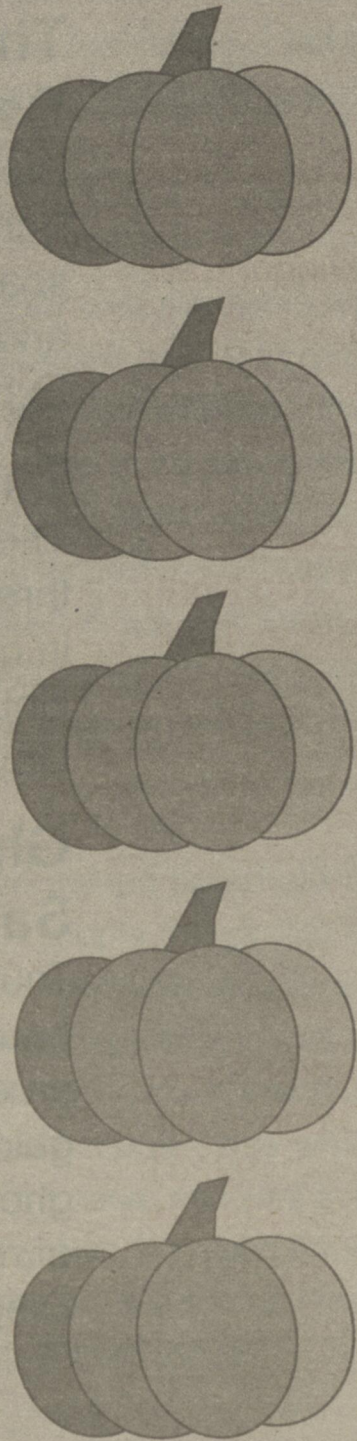


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Justin Theroux, who plays the role of Tom in the film.



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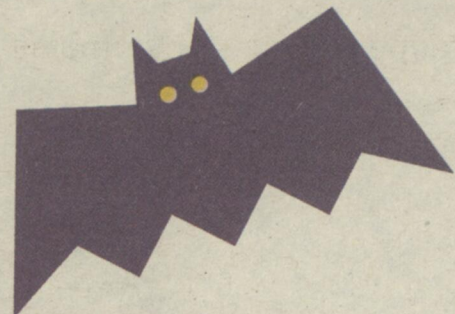


# HALLO-WEEKEND EDITION



## Halloween by the numbers

National Retail Federation studied 2016 American Halloween trends



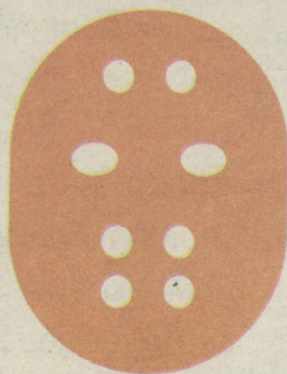
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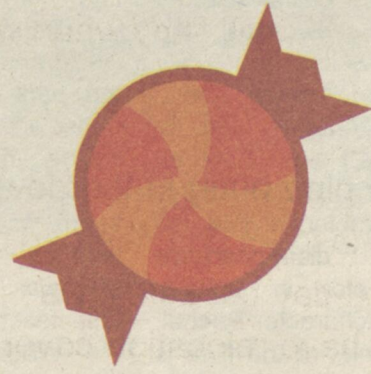
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## Check out these Halloween haunts

San Diego offers many spooktacular haunted attractions

### Halloween at the Whaley House

The Whaley House has haunted Old Town since 1969. Take a self-guided tour or join in on after-hours ghost hunts.

2476 San Diego  
Avenue  
San Diego, Calif.  
92110  
\$13-\$15

### Savage House

This house has haunted San Diego halloweens since 2010. This year's facility is the last to hold out against a terrifying infection, and visitors must look out for the infected during their tour.

1640 Camino Del  
Rio North  
San Diego, Calif.  
92108  
\$5-\$18

### The Haunted Hotel

The Haunted Hotel is not only the longest running haunted house in San Diego, but was also featured on The Travel Channel's "America's Scariest Haunts."

424 Market Street  
San Diego, Calif.  
92101  
\$19-\$29

### The Haunted Trail of Balboa Park

Balboa Park has been transformed into a scary stroll in the park, and begins with The Experiment Maze.

Sixth Ave  
San Diego, Calif.  
92101  
\$25-\$40

### The Scream Zone

The Scream Zone has three terrifying attractions in one location: the House of Horror, Haunted Hayride, and KarnEvil.

2260 Jimmy  
Durante Blvd.  
Del Mar, Calif.  
92014  
\$19-\$53

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## Nightmare on your street

Commuter students face landlords scarier than Halloween

Some University of San Diego commuter students face landlords scarier than creepy clowns and zombies straight out of "The Walking Dead." These are their stories.

"Our landlord decided that our house did not need to be cleaned after five guys lived in it before us. In the bathroom, there were razor cartridges and guys' hair everywhere. It was disgusting. We did a walkthrough with it looking filthy. We asked if the landlord would clean it before we moved in. He said he would, but it was still filthy when we moved in. So we had to hire our own cleaning company."

- Mission Beach

"We had a pipe burst in the downstairs bathroom that caused damage to the entire kitchen. The contractor came in to inspect and deemed our house unlivable for three to six months. Our landlord wanted us to move out the next day but said it was up to us to pay for our hotels and other expenses for that time being. Some girls didn't have relocation coverage in their insurance policies, as he never specified we needed it. He said that wasn't his problem."

- Mission Beach

"My landlord was the worst. He would always accuse my roommates and I [of] partying, when it was usually the house next to us. He would also accuse us [of] having too many guests over at one time. He wanted to be informed every time we had people stay overnight, even if we had a late night study session. He even had the neighbors come over and ask us who was in our house. I felt like we were always being spied on, and sometimes we would see the neighbor from across the street peeking through her window. It was really creepy."

- Mission Beach

"When I came back from abroad, where I lived happily with strangers, I thought I would give room sharing a try. In an effort to save money, I met with a young, married couple from Craigslist who were renting a room in their house. They had it all together on the outside, we even attended the same church. One day, I was home at a time I would have usually been working. While I was in my room with the door closed, my landlord hit his wife, and it was clear it wasn't the first time. I have never been so scared, and I left the house while I was on the phone with my sister so he couldn't hurt me too. I moved everything out the next day while they were gone and never saw them again. When I texted the landlord to ask him for my \$1,100 rent check that I had paid in advance for the next month, he refused, citing California renter laws requiring 30 days notice. I was shocked because it seems like the last thing he would want to do would be to get the law involved in the situation."

- Mission Valley

"I used to rent the lower level of a split level house owned by an old Bulgarian woman. The top level was rented by a family with a young child. There were a couple things that annoyed me about the couple. Every time I would cook meat (mainly chicken) the upstairs family would come down and ask if I could please cook outside, apparently the smell of cooked meat from my apartment was disturbing to my neighbors. Then my landlord would come in unannounced quite frequently, then claim that she called me ahead of time, but I never was called or had a missed call. The worst time this occurred was when she came into the house showing off the property to a potential buyer. She came into my room as I was in the middle of napping to show off my room. I was asleep in my boxers. As she came in, I got up from bed thinking I was being robbed. Needless to say the tour was short-lived and the person never bought the home. I only stayed at the place for six months, and I was glad to leave."

- South Mission Beach

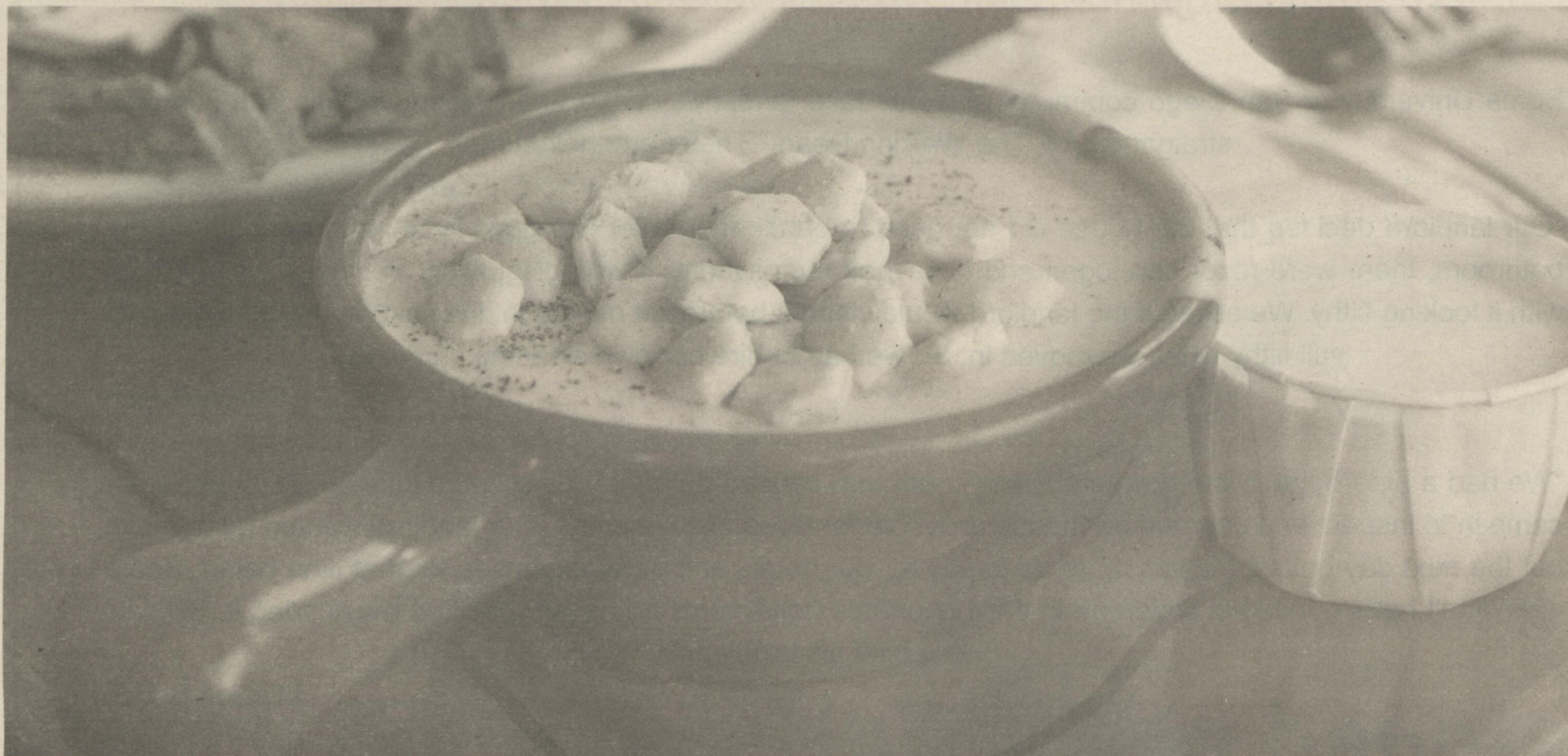


## FEATURE

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# Souplantation files bankruptcy

*Despite company's chapter 11 bankruptcy, California locations stay open*



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College students in Southern California are fearful of the impending bankruptcy of Souplantation, known for its cheap, buffet-style offerings and fresh ingredients.

Southern California locations are called Souplantation, but throughout the rest of the nation, the chain is known as Sweet Tomatoes. Garden Fresh Restaurant Corporation, the owner of the restaurant chain, filed chapter 11 bankruptcy in the first week of October.

The San Diego-based corporation manages 124 chain locations of Souplantation and Sweet Tomatoes. For those worried about a complete closure of the chain, there may still be hope. According to the United States Courts' website, chapter 11 bankruptcy is different than shutting down an entire company.

"Chapter 11 is typically used to reorganize a business, which may be a corporation," the website said.

NBC reported that Garden Fresh Restaurant Corporation will be closing about 20 to 30 of its locations to get the company back on track. However, the San Diego-based company assured customers that none of the Southern California locations will be closing.

Souplantation got its start in Southern California in

1978. By 1983, Garden Fresh Restaurant Corporation was founded. After the company's great success, Souplantation expanded and began Sweet Tomatoes in locations outside of California. Souplantation currently has about 124 restaurants nationwide, but that number will decrease in the coming months.

Souplantation and Sweet Tomatoes are known for being fresh, cheap, and healthy alternatives to fast food. The restaurant's website boasts a commitment to fresh and customizable dining.

"We pride ourselves on offering a unique dining experience where each guest can create a meal tailored to meet his/her exact wants and needs," the website said. "Create your own meal masterpiece with our fresh, high-quality ingredients and daily made-from-scratch menu items."

John Morberg, current CEO of Garden Fresh Restaurant Corporation, received his Bachelors of Business Administration from the University of San Diego.

Finance student Sapphira Vidaurri has been a long time customer of Souplantation, and she expressed her disappointment toward this news.

"That's horrible news," Vidaurri said. "It sucks because it's going to affect farmers because [Souplantation] gets their food locally and those who enjoy fresh food are going to be sad too. I love how fresh their food was for a buffet."

As Souplantation looks to reorder its business, USD students hope that it will get back on track soon. Senior Karen Leparulo said that she is a fan of Souplantation.

"I used to go to [Souplantation] a lot in high school," Leparulo said. "But I still love to go there from time to time if I'm craving salads and soups."

Leparulo did not know

were't really serving fresh food, so I saw this coming."

Freshman Abby Viton is from Connecticut, where Souplantation is known as Sweet Tomatoes. Viton said that she did not know Garden Fresh Restaurant Corporation had declared bankruptcy. In Connecticut, Sweet Tomatoes has two locations.

Viton explained that she had not even heard of Souplantation or Sweet Tomatoes before coming to USD.

"[Since I came to USD] I have heard of them, [but] I just don't get off campus very much because I don't have a car," Viton said.

Despite the restructuring of the company, Souplantation will still be in business. In a statement from Garden Fresh Restaurant Corporation, Morberg explained that the company will stay true to its mission.

"Garden Fresh will operate our business as usual, and we remain focused on

providing fresh, wholesome food and great service to our guests," Morberg said.

Leparulo expressed her favorite parts about Souplantation.

"Usually, the employees are very friendly and helpful if there is something you are looking for," Leparulo said. "My favorite thing about Souplantation is that you can customize all the meals exactly how you like it and take as much or as little as you like."

Souplantation has many loyal customers, many of whom are disappointed in the current state of the company. As Garden Fresh Restaurant Corporation looks to restructure their company, customers of Souplantation and Sweet Tomatoes will hold out hope that their favorite locations will stay open. For now, Southern Californians need not worry that nearby locations will close and can still enjoy soup, salads, and many other dishes at Souplantation locations.

## Souplantation statistics:

- 124 company-owned restaurants
- found in 15 states
- 300 million guests and counting
- Opened in San Diego in 1978
- 49 locations in California
- 12 locations in San Diego
- nearest restaurant is 4.2 miles from campus

that the parent company of Souplantation had declared bankruptcy and was surprised when she heard the news.

Souplantation is popular among some students. Senior Kathy Dang shared her views on Souplantation's current business dilemma.

"I knew Souplantation was going to close down," Dang said. "From my experience they



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**Souplantation and Sweet Tomatoes serve affordable buffet style options.**



# OPINION

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## Cultures are not acceptable costumes

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Halloween is one of the few opportunities each year where students at the University of San Diego have the option to embody whatever or whomever they would like to for the night. Dressing up is one of the best parts of Halloween and is mostly done in good fun. However, some people aren't satisfied with a monster or a ghost, and they turn to offensive stereotypes for costume inspiration.

USD's Office of Student Affairs has noticed this trend and is hoping to discourage its prevalence on USD's campus. The organization has posted fliers around campus urging students to consider the impact of culturally offensive Halloween costumes. The fliers feature a Latino man holding a picture of someone dressed in a sombrero and poncho riding a donkey, paired with the words "we're a culture, not a costume," and "this is not who I am and this is not okay." The fliers aim to bring awareness to the issue these types of costumes pose for people of these cultures.

While many people may not realize the ramifications of their chosen costumes, the issue of cultural appropriation is something minority cultures regularly combat. Celebrities

*"I think cultural appropriation happens because one, people don't realize what they're doing is offensive, or two, they know it's offensive and they don't care."*

- Chelsea McLin

and media outlets come under fire all the time for instances of cultural appropriation, yet it continues to occur.

Many of these instances are a simple misunderstanding. Most people know, for instance, wearing blackface is offensive, but for other costumes the lines can sometimes blur. A hula dancer or Pocahontas costume may not register as offensive for many people. For people of island or Native American culture, these costumes can be seen in bad taste.

Although ignorance is no excuse, for the most part, people aren't wearing these types of costumes with malicious intent. Thus, spreading attention about

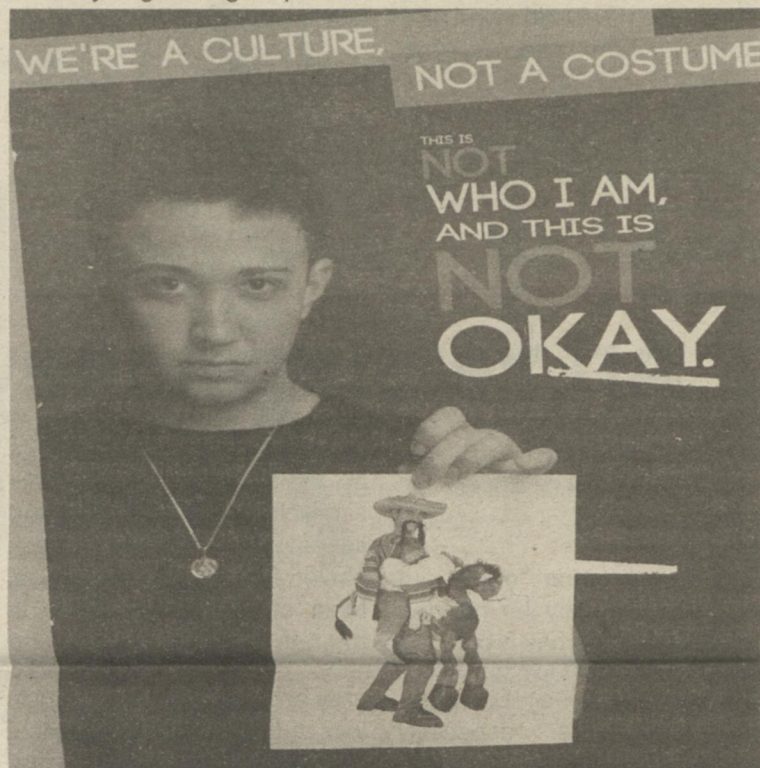
the problems with these types of costumes is a great step on USD's part to combat these issues.

Senior Chelsea McLin is the vice president of the

this,] it says to that culture, you're good enough for one day. [It says] it's cool and trendy, but I don't want any of the struggles you deal with everyday, [but] one night is ok."

Even if you don't think your costume is offensive, it's important to look at it from a different point of view. While it's easy to get caught up in the

spirit of Halloween and try and dress creatively, it is important to respect other cultures and viewpoints. When in doubt, it's always best to err on the side of caution. Dressing up is about not being yourself for the night, but it's important to remember that it doesn't mean it's okay to appropriate someone else's culture.

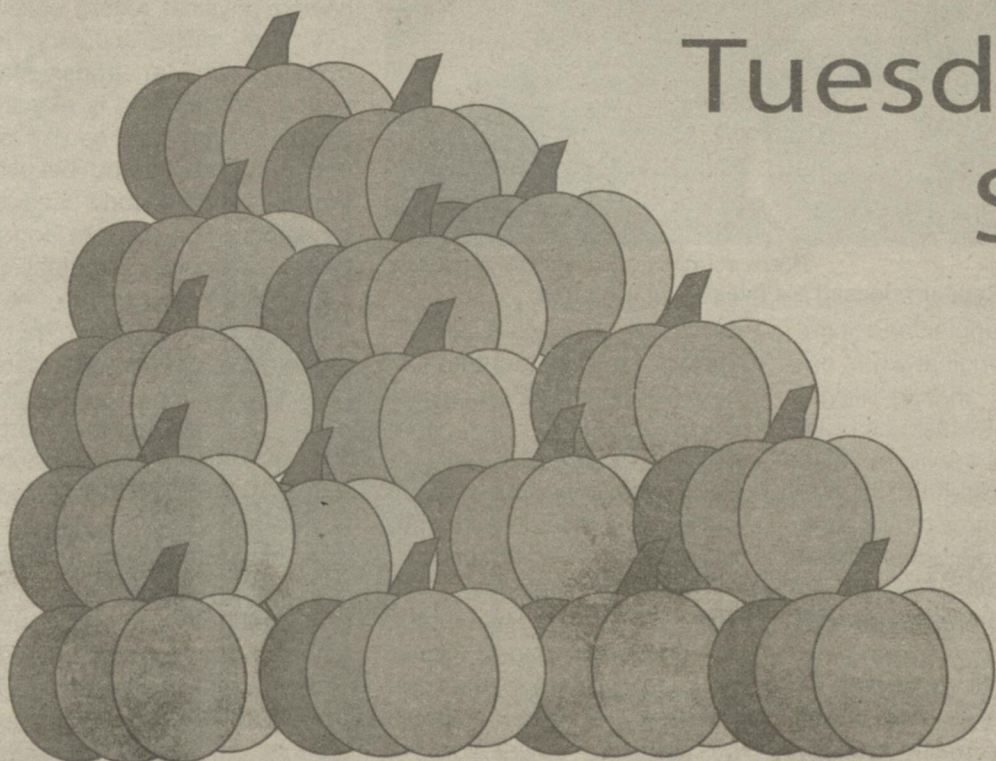


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Posters popped up around campus urging students to consider the impact of wearing cultures this Halloween.

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# San Diego gears up for Halloween celebrations

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The days of trick-or-treating and school Halloween carnivals might be behind most students at the University of San Diego, but that doesn't mean that Halloween celebrations have to be any less festive this year. Although leaves aren't changing colors and temperatures are hardly dropping, it is indeed autumn in San Diego. There are a ton of great ways to celebrate Halloween and enjoy the fall season.

While the school doesn't place an emphasis on decorating for Halloween and most members of the campus community choose not to dress up, USD does still offer some fun Halloween festivities. USD dining services sponsored the annual Apple Fest to help get people in the fall spirit.

Celebrations also occur within residential areas, with the Alcáza Vista Apartments featuring Halloween activities from Thursday, Oct. 27 until Halloween night.

Torero Program Board also has some Halloween-themed events in the works for the student body.

Junior Jenna Matin, a member of TPB, noted there are several fun TPB-sponsored Halloween events coming up.

"[While] there isn't a specific event on Halloween, there are Halloween events Tuesday and Thursday," Matin said. "[Information about the events can be found on] TPB's Facebook and the event calendar."

These events include a Halloween festival, featuring a haunted house, pumpkin decorating, and pie, and "Halloswing," a dance event co-sponsored by TPB, the Black Student Union, Soldiers

who Salsa, and the USD Social Dance Club, that features swing dancing and live music.

Aside from school events, there are tons of great ways to celebrate Halloween around San Diego.

To get the city in the Halloween spirit, San Diego's 12th annual Halloween Boo Parade is happening Saturday, Oct. 29 at 10 a.m. and starts at the corner of El Cajon Boulevard and Rolando Boulevard. Floats, costumes and characters, and live music and entertainment are all expected at this year's parade.

For those that prefer the

treats over the tricks come Halloween time, spending the day making delicious Halloween treats is always a fun way to prepare for the holiday. Caramel apples, pumpkin pie, and witch hat cookies are classic Halloween treats sure to set the stage for a good holiday.

Other mellow Halloween options include renting a scary movie or browsing through the tons of thrillers on Netflix or heading to the pumpkin patch. Take these mellow nights to the next level by hosting a Halloween horror movie night or a pumpkin carving party to

enjoy the night with friends.

For those that embrace Halloween horror, there are plenty of scream-inducing attractions in San Diego. The Scream Zone at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, Haunted Trails at Balboa Park, and The Haunted Hotel in the Gaslamp District are all great options for the brave of heart. Prices for these events range from \$19 to \$33.

Also hosted in the Gaslamp District, for those upperclassmen lucky enough to be 21 and up, Monster Bash and Zombiecrawl will be taking over downtown, and promise to be a good time. Both events come with a fee ranging from \$40 to \$70.

With all the fun activities and festivities San Diego is offering this year, Halloween is shaping up to be one for the record books. Don't forget to secure a great costume, eat some treats, and be safe Halloween night.



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Decorating pumpkins is one of the best parts of Halloween.

## Art versus money: should all music be free?

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In the world today, our lives are fueled by the internet, and nearly everyone is plugged in. We can scarcely go a day without using a computer or smartphone, especially because we now have internet access essentially everywhere we go. We consume almost all media digitally, and the sales of physical newspapers, magazines, movies, and albums have all dwindled since the dawn of the internet.

The increase in the popularity of digital media can largely be attributed to its ease of use. Rather than subscribe to a newspaper, people are able to go to websites to get the latest news, often minutes after events happen. Many people have traded in waiting for news to be printed in favor of going online to find it themselves. In the same fashion, people no longer have to go to record stores to purchase their favorite albums. The internet has become the method of choice for many to get their music, and digital downloads are more popular than ever before.

Previously, there were only a few ways that people could consume music. Most listened to music by purchasing long play records or by tuning in to the radio. Before the age of the internet, monetizing music was much simpler, and some still refer to the pre-internet era as music's heyday. Fans would walk into a music store and purchase a physical copy of an album, go to a concert, or listen to

the radio and request songs by their favorite bands. This simplicity made licensing and keeping track of sales much easier for record companies. Most of the money came in through record sales and radio plays, which left little grey area in the market. Music was a commodity, like almost any other physical item that could be purchased or sold.

These days, it is almost impossible for companies to track the true value of an artist's album release, mostly due to the internet's existence. While it is simple to count the number of digital downloads purchased by fans, this does not account for all the illegal downloads and file shares of albums. These methods can sometimes even outnumber the amount of legal downloads. Artists can benefit from almost any kind of exposure, even if their popularity is sometimes a byproduct of illegal downloads of their albums. However, the music industry has encountered an enormous problem trying to figure out how to deal with illegal downloading. Even if artists seems to owe their fame to it, illegal downloads cost them a lot of money.

In the earlier days of the internet, many were arrested, fined, or jailed for their role in illegal sharing and downloading of music. These efforts were largely pursued by record labels because their sales had been cut by file sharing. In one of the largest cases of the late 1990s to early 2000s, the free file-sharing service Napster was shut down because of lawsuits from the music industry over copyright infringement. Record

companies congratulated themselves on winning the initial battles against file sharing and illegal downloading. However, in today's world, if you search any popular album, it is almost as easy to find a likely-illegal third party download as it is to find the official, legal one, directly from the artist or record label. In reality, record companies only won a small victory that helped them hold off the inevitable.

At this point, the threat of copyright infringement no longer lies in a single company, like it did with Napster. These days, anybody with access to a computer and a slight bit of know-how can share an album. Services like Dropbox, Google Drive, and ShareFile are

can no longer wage a war against file sharing itself. There is no way for them to oppose these popular cloud-based storage systems.

As a result, the music industry has been forced to adapt to the digital world. Record labels no longer make their money through physical record sales; rather, they tend to focus more on marketing, merchandising, and endorsements. Give a few examples here. Due to the fact that physical sales are no longer essential to a musician's overall success, this has led to many producing and distributing their own music independently, foregoing record labels completely. While a possible

said that artists make money through merchandise, booking shows, and in other ways than just selling music alone.

In the same vein, Chance the Rapper released his latest album, "Coloring Book," for free, streaming first exclusively on Apple Music, and then through other sites like Spotify and SoundCloud. "Coloring Book" reached such popularity that petitions and letters were written to the Grammys so that they would amend their rules to include streaming-only albums. Previously, only albums that generated record sales could be included. With this petition, "Coloring Book" managed to persuade the Grammys to change their prehistoric rules. It is arguable that the release of free music can be equally powerful to conventional releases. Plus, nobody is doubting Chance the Rapper's latest album success despite not having physical record sales.

The music industry is currently in a transitional period, and no one is exactly sure what the next course of action will be. Some believe that the way the world used to be was perfect and are angry that people today are stealing music. Others look to free music as an opportunity to share their sound with more people, especially since many don't have the ability to pay \$12.99 for every new album release. The polarizing fact is that people will continue to download music illegally. Now, it is left up to artists, labels, and consumers to determine where the industry is headed. We'll have to wait and see if the future of music is in free albums and song releases.



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Chance the Rapper released his latest album for free.

incredibly popular and legal for sharing original work, but they make sharing illegal files a simple task as well.

These services also provide substantial benefit besides sharing music, and many students use Google applications, for instance, to store and share documents and assignments.

Given the sheer amount of people that use these services, the music industry

detriment to record labels, there is an argument that this benefits the artist themselves. In theory, this could help budding musicians break into the industry because being signed to a label is no longer required to be successful.

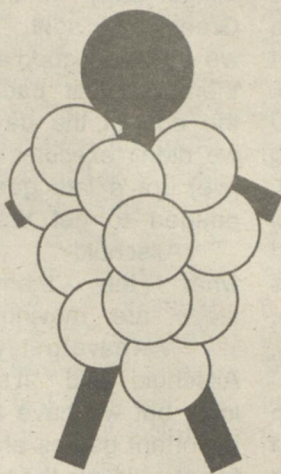
In an interview with The USD Vista, Sam Feldt, a successful dance music producer, shared that he believes all music should be free to download. He



# DIY COSTUMES

By Dani DeVries

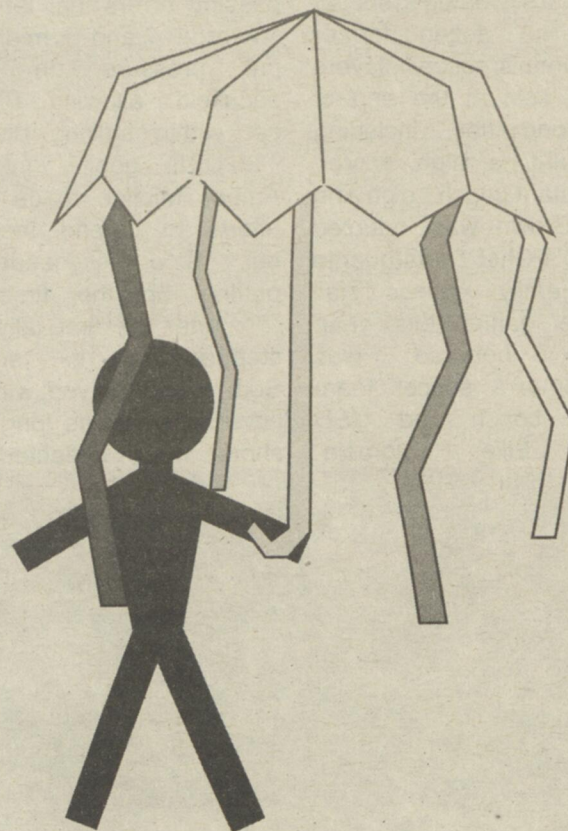
On the quest to find the perfect Halloween costume, there can be many obstacles. You want to be creative, but not so obscure that people don't get it, looked polished without it breaking the bank, and find that perfect balance of cute or scary. When costume hunting ends up being stressful and expensive, the obvious solution is to go the do-it-yourself route. While the notion might seem daunting, especially for those with less than stellar crafting skills, there are some easy and clever DIY costumes out there that require minimal effort, while still packing maximum punch. Here are a few of our favorite DIY costume ideas:



## Costume idea: **Grapes**

You'll need: Green or purple clothes, green or purple balloons, and tape

How to execute it: Dress in your choice of green or purple head to toe. Then, blow up the balloons and securely tape them to your shirt to resemble a bunch of grapes.



## Costume Idea: **A jellyfish**

You'll need: A solid color umbrella, ribbons, glue, and scissors

How to execute it: Glue long curled tendrils of ribbon to the underside of the umbrella. Then, dress all in one color and carry the umbrella jellyfish open above your head.

## Costume Idea: **A beanie baby**

You'll need: Cardboard, red paint or marker, scissors, and ribbon

How to execute it: Cut the cardboard in the shape of the beanie baby tag. Then, cut a hole to thread the ribbon through, so it can be worn around your neck. Finally, paint "ty" on the tag, and pair with your favorite animal costume or solid color clothes.

## Costume Idea: **A cereal killer**

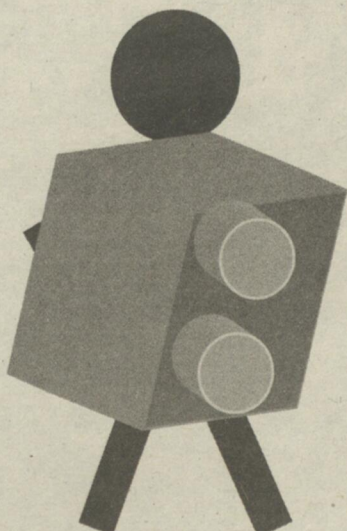
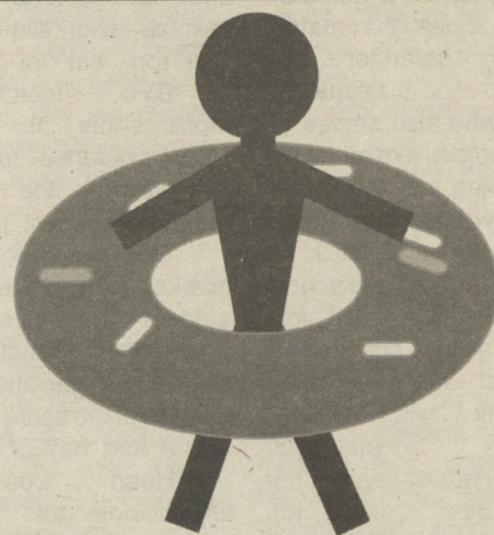
You'll need: Tattered clothes, fake blood or red paint, a fake knife, a box of cereal, ribbon, and glue

How to execute it: Dress in the tattered clothes, and cover yourself with fake blood. Then, glue the ribbon to the box of cereal, so the box can be worn around the neck. Carry the fake knife or stab it into the cereal box for the best effect.

## Costume Idea: **A donut**

You'll need: A round inner tube, empty toilet paper rolls, paint, and glue

How to execute it: Paint the inner tube a solid color, and paint all the toilet paper rolls different colors to resemble sprinkles. Then, glue the toilet paper rolls to the inner tube, and wear the tube around your waist all night.



## Costume Idea: **Legos**

You'll need: A cardboard box, disposable bowls, spray paint, glue, and scissors

How to execute it: Glue the bowls to the box with the bottom facing up in an evenly arranged lego pattern. Then, spray paint the box and bowls so they are all one color, and cut a head and arm holes in the box.

## Costume Idea: **A cactus**

You'll need: Head to toe green, white or brown pipe cleaners, and glue

How to execute it: Bend the pipe cleaners in half, and glue them, pointing outward, to the green clothes to resemble spines.



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# Women's soccer falls to fifth-ranked BYU

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Last Friday was the 25th anniversary of the University of San Diego's women's soccer program. A dozen former USD women's soccer players took the field at the end of the second half, including USD's all-time high scorer, and assistant coach Leigh Ann Brown. Brown was inducted into USD's Chet & Marguerite Pagni Family Athletic Hall of Fame earlier this year.

Also honored was USD women's soccer team assistant coach and USD alumna, Ellie Magracia.

two teams fought back and forth, BYU senior midfielder Michele Vasconcelos scored in the first 10 minutes.

USD's defense had a few passing errors that let BYU's forwards and midfielders put pressure on USD's backfield, allowing BYU to get within striking distance.

USD goalie, freshman Amber Michel, made heroic efforts to defend the goal, but BYU succeeded in putting up the first goal.

After the first tally, USD stepped up its defense. Both teams played wide and covered well. The long range shots were deflected, and

in the last nine minutes with a top-shelf close shot on goal.

USD fought back aggressively to keep the ball on BYU's end. With three minutes left in the game, Sherwood knocked in the first USD goal of the night.

The goal was a result of a strong pass from junior defender, Tara Meier, that deflected off a BYU player and angled enough for Sherwood to get a foot on it. The ball passed right through the unsuspecting BYU goalie.

Sherwood said she wanted to make sure she made contact and get a goal.

"I saw it coming, and I

and shot it, and it snuck in."

While BYU made several attempts to run down the clock, USD fought to get one last goal. On the last corner kick by USD, goalkeeper Michel even abandoned USD's goal to help out and have all USD's players in front of BYU's goal. The last stitch effort was ultimately unsuccessful. The game ended with BYU on top 2-1 as USD failed to convert an equalizing goal.

Goalkeeper Michel said BYU had some good shots on goal, but was thankful for a great defense.

"It was very unlucky, [but] they were good shots," Michel said. "We just need to make sure we move forward from here and get the wins on the road this week. The defense is always backing me up and working as a team and pushing forward, and our team mentality is really good."

Coach Greenwood explained areas his team did well in.

"I felt like we made a couple of small mistakes that can transition into high percentage opportunities," Greenwood said. "If we would have [taken] care of the ball a little bit better, we could have really dictated the game a little. I felt like the first half we were solid to good, and the second half we were more aggressive [...] the right way we needed to [be]."

Greenwood also shared areas that he said USD might be able to improve on going forward.

"Unfortunately, we were lacking a little quality in the final third," Greenwood said. "That was the difference in

the game for us. We weren't thinking ahead consistently, which is a big part of the game—thinking ahead and communicating comes into that.

"I felt we were just half a step off with a lot of things early in the game," Greenwood said. "At times, we were very good and caught them on their back foot. At the end of the day, we just we didn't execute. Obviously, [we] got a late goal, but we needed to get that earlier."

Altschuld explained what the team's next steps are moving forward.

"We have to stay focused," Altschuld said. "It's a tough loss, but we have three very important games ahead of us to get a bid into the tournament and keep playing our game."

This is the second to last home game for the senior players. Captain Altschuld kept the team motivated by reminding them it's not over and to keep pushing forward so the team could advance to the NCAA tournament.

"We all just want to keep the program going in the right direction for the younger kids and end on a good note for us," Altschuld said.

BYU is currently 13-2-1 overall, with one loss in the West Coast Conference (WCC). USD is 8-7-1 with three losses to conference foes.

USD needs to have a successful next three games to secure a spot at the NCAA tournament. The next two games are on the road against Pacific and Saint Mary's.

The Toreros head back home for their last home game of the season on senior night on Nov. 4.

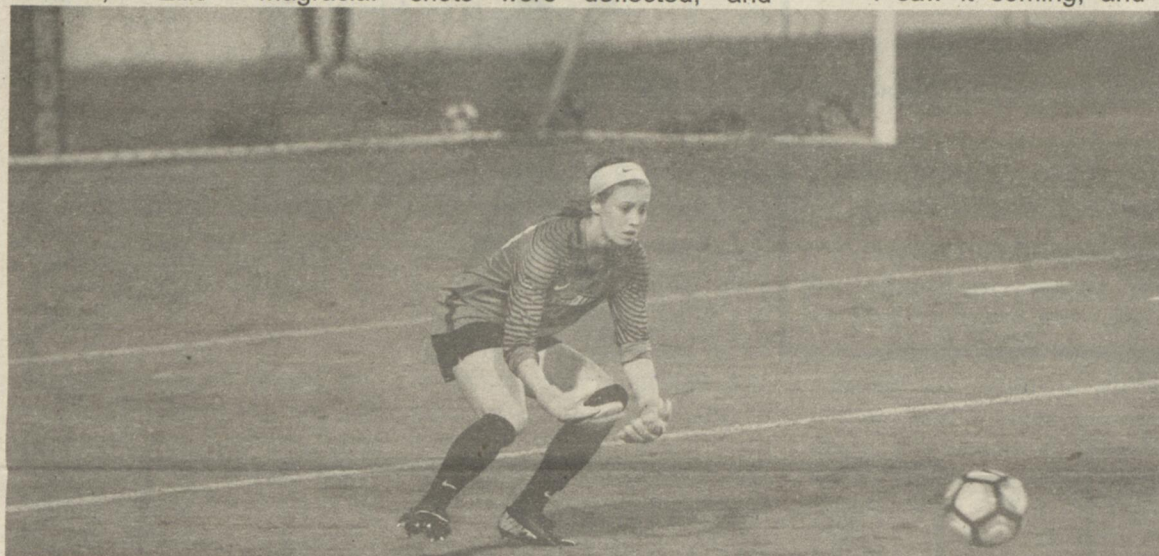


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**USD redshirt freshman goalkeeper Amber Michel kneels for a save against BYU.**

Before the alumnae players were honored, USD took the field for a fierce battle against the Brigham Young University (BYU) Cougars, the fifth-ranked team in the NCAA.

Ultimately, BYU defeated USD in a close 2-1 match.

Senior defender and midfielder, Jacqueline Altschuld, who also serves as the team captain, explained the strategy going into the game.

"We wanted to match their intensity and stick to our game plan," Altschuld said. "We spent a lot of time focusing on our set pieces. In the past, we have done really well with those."

Senior midfielder Julia Sherwood said her strategy going into the game was to put on the pressure at the beginning.

"We wanted to get at them with high pressure right away," Sherwood said. "We didn't want them to feel comfortable because they were on the road, so we wanted them to feel our pressure upfront. We knew that our defense was strong, and they would be able to hold them off in the back. But gameplans don't always go as planned. We made a few mistakes early on that resulted in a goal."

The first half was a struggle to put some numbers on the board. While the

both the teams struggled to connect with the net.

USD forward Summer Mason had a close shot on goal in the first half. Her speed and skill allowed her to beat out two BYU defenders, but her shot slid right over the top bar of the goal.

BYU took several more shots on goal, but USD's defense fought hard to interrupt the play and raced to be first to the ball.

USD's defense and goalkeeper had their work cut out. BYU was relentless, but goalkeeper Michel deflected several Cougar attempts. The team kept the score at 1-0 BYU in the first half of the game.

Head Coach Ada Greenwood told his team to keep being aggressive and give it all in the last half.

"You got to be more aggressive: don't walk up the stairs knowing that you didn't put the right mentality and aggressiveness out there," Greenwood said.

Right out of the second half, USD attacked BYU's defense with a long shot by junior midfielder, Ally Ocon. The powerful shot looked like it was going in until BYU goalie Hannah Clark made a remarkable save to keep BYU leading 1-0.

BYU continued to fight for a second goal and succeeded

immediately thought, 'I want to hit this [the] first time,'" Sherwood said. "I thought it was going to be more of a volley, but it was a side foot and snuck in on the side post. I guess I placed it well. I just wanted to make sure I made good contact."

"Their defense was really spread out and no one was on me, so I just went for it



Jennifer Givens/The USD Vista

**After losing to BYU, the USD women's soccer team now has an 8-7-1 overall record.**



# California: home of NBA's have and have nots

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When thinking about the sporting landscape of California, it's easy to overlook basketball. Played indoors, sheltered from the omnipresent California sunshine, one can forget that basketball is quickly becoming a part of the state's fabric.

On Wednesday, Oct. 19, the Golden State Warriors and Los Angeles Lakers squared off for a preseason game at Valley View Casino Center. While the game was still a largely superfluous exhibition, it provided a chance for fans from both regions of California to get a glimpse at their favorite team before the season tips off for real. At the game's conclusion, the scoreboard indicated that the Warriors had won 123-112. However, in the case of the preseason, the final score pales in comparison to what actually happened on the court.

*"I like to take my shots off the dribble."*

*[...] But I'm trying to get used to doing the catch and shoot thing." - Brandon Ingram*

Perhaps the most notable aspect of this game was the way that Lakers' first year head coach Luke Walton utilized rookie Brandon Ingram. After playing collegiate basketball for one year at Duke University, the 6-foot-9-inch Ingram declared for the 2016 NBA Draft. He was taken with the second overall pick in the draft by the Lakers, immediately launching even the most rational of fans into full-fledged Ingram believers. With his 21-point, seven rebound outing at Valley View, the 19-year-old Ingram showed why fans all across Southern California were going lala about the Lakers' future.

Although his size makes him an unconventional player for the position, Ingram played as Los Angeles' point guard for several stretches throughout the night. He also showed nice touch on his outside shot, canning two of three shots from beyond the three point arc.

Ingram spoke in the locker room after the game about his shooting and what he feels comfortable with thus far in his young NBA career.

"I like to take my shots off the dribble," Ingram



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**Kings' center DeMarcus Cousins won a gold medal in Rio.**

said. "That's what I've been getting used to. But I'm trying to get used to doing the catch and shoot thing."

Along with Ingram, the Lakers got encouraging performances from guards D'Angelo Russell and Nick Young. Both shot 50 percent on three pointers, while Russell had nine assists and Young had a team-high two steals. After the 17 win debacle of 2015-16, Laker supporters should be happy if this year's team can bring home 25 victories.

To do that, Los Angeles

will need improvement from the trio of young, returning players they have — Russell, Jordan Clarkson, and Julius Randle — as well as newly signed center Timofey Mozgov. New additions Luol Deng and Jose Calderon could also be looked to for veteran leadership, as they will likely be asked to play limited roles on the court in order to open playing time for the youngsters.

While the Lakers are searching for ways to go from laughingstock to championship contender again, the Golden State Warriors find themselves in an entirely different situation. Coming off a record breaking year, in which they eclipsed the all-time mark of 72 wins in a season before famously blowing a 3-1 lead in the NBA Finals, the Warriors geared up for another title run by acquiring one of the best scorers the league has ever seen.

Kevin Durant was brought in by the Warriors front office this summer as a way to ensure that the team will have the talent advantage over every single team in the NBA. Along with being unquestionably one of the best players of his generation,

Durant also fits perfectly with Golden State's playing style.

A borderline seven foot tall wing player with a 38 percent career clip from three point range, Durant is the prototypical player for the Warriors' jumpshot oriented offense, as well as their switch-happy defense. He had 27 points and six rebounds against the Lakers in the teams' meeting in San Diego.

Again, the importance of things like winning and losing or individual stats is virtually non-existent in the preseason. What the preseason can provide is opportunities for the NBA to showcase its product in places it normally can't during the regular season, such as San Diego.

What's more, preseason games can give players and coaches a chance to return to a familiar setting. This was the case at Valley View Casino Center. Walton, now a 36-year-old NBA golden boy, was once a student at University of San Diego High School. During his time as a basketball player there, Walton won state championships in the same building he found himself coaching on Oct. 19.

Warriors' assistant coach Mike Brown, a graduate of the University of San Diego, said that being in town allowed him to return to his old stomping grounds and take the temperature of this year's Torero basketball team.

"I had a chance to go up and visit Lamont [Smith] and Ky [Snyder] and those guys at USD," Brown said. "I watched practice. They got big time talent coming in. I'm excited for them."

Fans of California's other NBA teams, the Los Angeles Clippers and Sacramento Kings, should also have reasons to be excited about the 2016-17 campaign. For the Clippers, the season represents yet another opportunity to finally reach the first conference championship series in team history. Getting an entire season of Blake Griffin at full health, combined with the steady presence of Chris Paul and J.J. Redick, the explosiveness of DeAndre Jordan, and a revamped second unit, could combine to form the best season since the franchise moved from San Diego to Los Angeles in 1984.

For Kings fans, the tumultuous nature of the last few seasons can surely bring its fair share of doubt.

## 10 BOLD NBA PREDICTIONS FOR THE 2016-17 SEASON

1. The Golden State Warriors will win less than 70 games.
2. Karl-Anthony Towns will finish in the top five of the Most Valuable Player voting.
3. Both the Chicago Bulls and Miami Heat will miss the playoffs for the first time since 2007-2008.
4. Dirk Nowitzki will retire after the season.
5. The Utah Jazz will finish with the fourth best record in the Western Conference, behind Golden State, San Antonio, and the Los Angeles Clippers.
6. Either Nerlens Noel or Jahlil Okafor will be traded before the trade deadline.
7. Zach LaVine will win his third straight NBA Slam Dunk Contest.
8. The Los Angeles Lakers will not finish with the worst record in the Western Conference.
9. Giannis Antetokounmpo will appear in his first NBA All-Star Game.
10. The Los Angeles Clippers will make their first ever Western Conference Finals.

However, with the underbelly of the Western Conference's middle tier becoming softer and softer, it's not entirely out of the question to imagine Sacramento snagging the eight seed in the playoffs.

Losing Durant almost surely will bring harsh regression to the Oklahoma City Thunder, and the playoff holdover Memphis Grizzlies and Dallas Mavericks could both be an injury away from falling into the lottery. The sheer presence of DeMarcus Cousins, the Kings' immensely talented enigmatic center, as the best player on the floor in most games could lift Sacramento to the 40 or so wins they'll need to sneak into shouting distance of the postseason.

One of the more compelling things about the NBA is that on a macro level it is the easiest sport to predict, while on a micro level there are so many different things that can happen. Barring a catastrophic meltdown on either side, we know the Warriors and Cleveland Cavaliers will meet in the NBA Finals for a third straight summer.

We know that Stephen Curry will effortlessly drain shots from places that no coach would advise shooting from. We know that Luke Walton will charm the media

in many a post or pre-game press conference. We can almost surely bet that Cousins will do the opposite.

What we don't know for sure, though, are things like how Brandon Ingram will fare playing alongside Russell, Clarkson, and Randle, or how much he'll even share the court with those guys at all. We can only speculate, for now, about how the Clippers would do in a hypothetical second round playoff series. Would a win result in a contract extension for Griffin? Would a loss bring a full scale reconstruction of the team?

We have no idea if the Kings will make it all the way through the season with the same head coach, or if Cousins will remain happy enough to stay with the team.

Such is the beauty of the NBA. On any given night, there is some storyline or matchup that can temporarily take our minds off the fact that Golden State and Cleveland is the only matchup that truly matters.

Until we see that seemingly inevitable third installment of the Steph vs. LeBron championship bout, we must distract ourselves with things like Brandon Ingram's jump shot and Doc Rivers' general manager prowess. No matter what, NBA fans from here to Sacramento will be entertained.



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**Warriors' guard Stephen Curry was NBA MVP in 2015-16.**



# Jonah Hodges: man on a mission

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It was the opening game of the 2015 season: a long-awaited match-up against crosstown rival San Diego State University in the concrete confines of San Diego's longtime pigskin palace, Qualcomm Stadium.

Perhaps none were more excited than then-junior University of San Diego running back Jonah Hodges. It would be Hodges' first game action against an FBS program since his transfer from the University of California, Berkeley after the 2013 season.

It also would come on the heels of what many saw as a breakout campaign for the one-time Golden Bear, a 2014 season that saw him average more than 100 yards a game, including a school-record 273 against Stetson, and score six touchdowns for the Toreros.

Unfortunately, that excitement quickly gave way to the frustrations of reality. On the last play of the first quarter against SDSU, Hodges caught a screen pass out of the backfield and was hit hard by an Aztec defender.

The awkward landing that ensued would knock the Northern California native out of the game. An MRI confirmed a broken collarbone would keep him off the field for most of the rest of the 2015 campaign.

Now healthy and back on the field for his senior season, Hodges is using that bad break of a year ago as motivation to finish his collegiate career on his terms.

"I hate wasted time," Hodges said. "It's why I transferred here in the first place and why last year was so hard for me. Now, I'm trying to do as much as I can to squeeze two seasons into one and make up for that lost time."

The results have certainly been impressive so far. Through seven games in 2016, the Toreros' co-captain has reestablished himself as the frontman of the team's



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Jonah Hodges had 63 all-purpose yards on Saturday, Oct. 22 in a 49-10 win over the Valparaiso University Crusaders.

## JONAH HODGES 2016 STATS

**RUSHING:** 111 carries, 715 yards, 10 touchdowns, 6.4 yards per carry, 102.1 yards per game

**RECEIVING:** 24 receptions, 297 yards, 1 touchdown, 12.4 yards per catch

offensive attack, running for 715 yards while chipping in another 297 yards through the air. He averages more than 160 total yards per game, which ranks him among the top 10 in the country, as do his 11 total touchdowns.

Those frequent trips to the endzone are what Hodges says are the most special for him.

"It's one of the best feelings ever," Hodges said. "To see your hard work all week pay off and to be able to celebrate with your teammates [...] there's

really nothing else like it."

Hodges has been one of the focal points of what has been a dominant season overall for the boys in blue. Following last weekend's 49-10 victory over Valparaiso, the Toreros sit at 6-1 atop the Pioneer Football League.

They're outscoring opponents by more than 25 points a game and appear primed to make a run at the conference championship and an automatic bid to the playoffs.

After winning the league on a technicality

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- Jonah Hodges

in 2014 and losing it on a tiebreaker last year, Hodges said the team hopes to finally win it outright in 2016.

"Our goal is to go undefeated in conference, so we can solidify our chance at the playoffs," Hodges said. "Once we're there, we'll definitely be looking to grow on our last postseason appearance and win a game or two."

"You can tell the guys here love the game of football and are going to put in the work to win, and it's so fun to see that hard work pay off and to be able to enjoy these successes with them."

The running back also recognized the opportunities that can come from the greater exposure of the postseason. Hodges said he likes to model his game after fellow small-school stud and current San Diego Chargers running back Danny Woodhead.

"I love the vision and versatility he brings to the position despite being on the shorter end of the scale," Hodges said.

If the senior can continue to put up strong numbers the rest of the way, he definitely

stands a chance of following Woodhead and former Toreros Josh Johnson and Reggie Bell into the NFL. Set to graduate in December as a political science major, he plans to begin preparing for the draft almost immediately after his days as a Torero come to an end.

Before the pros come calling, however, Hodges has his sights set on finishing out his career at USD on a high note.

Several career and single-season school records seem well within reach, as do a second postseason appearance and that elusive first playoff victory.

"I'm just enjoying the opportunities I've been given," Hodges said. "I'm excited to see what God has in store for me in the future."

If prior performances are any indication, that future certainly appears bright for Alcalá Park's supremely-motivated man on a mission, both in 2016 and beyond.

As this latest gridiron great prepares to make his last elusive runs down the sidelines of Torero Stadium, hometown fans are not going to want to miss it.



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Hodges' 715 rushing yards is best in the PFL. DeShawn Jones is second with 601.